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PATENT APPLICATION

**RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR §1.116
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE
TECHNOLOGY CENTER ART UNIT 1774**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Jun TAKAHASHI et al.

Group Art Unit: 1774

Application No.: 09/729,168

Examiner: B. Shewareged

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REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION AFTER FINAL REJECTION

Director of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In reply to the September 26, 2002 Office Action, reconsideration of the rejection and objections is respectfully requested in light of the following remarks.

Claims 1-6 are pending. By the Office Action, claims 1-6 are rejected.

Entry of the amendments is proper under 37 CFR §1.116 since the amendments: (a) place the application in condition for allowance (for the reasons discussed herein); (b) do not raise any new issue requiring further search and/or consideration (since the amendments amplify issues previously discussed throughout prosecution); (c) satisfy a requirement of form asserted in the previous Office Action; (d) do not present any additional claims without canceling a corresponding number of finally rejected claims; and (e) place the application in better form for appeal, should an appeal be necessary. The amendments are necessary and were not earlier presented because they are made in response to arguments raised in the final rejection. Entry of the amendments is thus respectfully requested.

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Applicants thank the Examiner for the indication in the Office Action that the prior art rejections have been withdrawn.

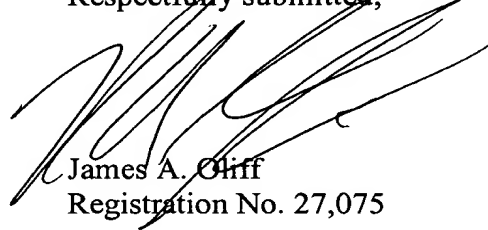
The specification is objected to, and claims 1-6 are rejected under, the written description requirement of 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, for the incorporation of a foreign test standard without providing an English copy of that foreign test standard. The Office Action indicates that submission of an English translation of JIS Z 2246 would overcome the specification objection and claim rejections. Accordingly, applicants herein provide a copy of the Japanese test standards cited in the current specification.

For at least these reasons, the specification and claims 1-6 satisfy the requirements of 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the objection and rejection are respectfully requested.

In view of the foregoing remarks, applicants submit that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of claims 1-6 are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact applicants' undersigned representative at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,



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English translation of JIS Z 2246

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